to Assam and Rs. 14.55 lakhs to Sikkim totaling to Rs. 278.04 lakhs as on 31.10.2001 to these channelising agencies of the North-Eastern States for developments of STs.

(b) NSFDC has (since inception in 1989) received 691 applications from State Channelising Agencies of North-Eastern States for rural areas and sanctioned 353 applications. The details are as follows:—

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Recvd.	Sanction	Applications Pending	Cancelled
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	44	41	—	03
2.	Assam	107	84	06	17
3.	Manipur	142	33	01	108
4.	Meghalaya	01	—	—	01
5.	Mizoram	135	40	—	95
6.	Nagaland	111	74	—	37
7.	Sikkim	61	30	—	31
8.	Tripura	90	51	12	27
	TOTAL	691	353	19	319

In addition, the NSTFDC since its incorporation on 10.4.2001 has also received 16 applications from the channelising agencies of the North-Eastern States during the financial year 2001-2002, out of which 6 applications have been sanctioned.

Implementation of Family Welfare Schemes in Assam

*191. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Family Welfare Schemes sponsored and implemented in the State of Assam for the benefit of the people of the State; and

(b) The details of agencies which are implementing the schemes in the States?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) The details of Family Welfare Schemes being implemented by the state of Assam out of financial assistance from Government of India are given below.

1. Support to Infrastructural Units for health and family welfare services

The following Units of infrastructure are supported for salary, rent, contingency etc. under National Family Welfare Programme

(i) Rural Sub-Centres

(ii) Post Partum Centres

(iii) Urban Family Welfare Centres

(iv) Sterlisation Beds

(v) Health and Family Welfare Tranining Centres

(vi) Basic Training Schools for ANMs/Multi-purpose workers (Male)

(vii) State Family Welfare Bureau

(viii) District Family Welfare Bureaus

(ix) Population Research Centres

2. Reproductive and Child Health Programme

Under the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme, the states are being assisted for strengthening the Primary Health Care services by providing Additional ANMs, PHNs/Staff Nurse, Lab. Technicians, Safe Motherhood Consultants and Anesthetists on contractual basis besides supply of vaccines, drugs and equipment and strengthening of IEC, MIS, NGOs participation and training activities. Pulse Polio Immunization is also being funded under the programme. The RCH programme is being implemented through the States/ UTs. The Programme is jointly funded by the World Bank, European Commission, UNFPA, UNICEF & some bilateral donors.

Under the European Commission supported Sector. Investment Programme (SIP) which is in implementation in 16 States including the State of Assam, state was requested to send State Action Plan (SAP) and District Action Plan (DAP) for pilot district Nagaon. The focus of State/ District Action Plan under SIP is on improving access to and quality of RCH services. The State and District Action Plans have been approved and funds released to the state.

The Department has negotiated a new project, namely, the Immunization Strengthening Project with World Bank amounting to US $ 142.6 million which is being implemented in all the districts of the country including the districts of Assam.

3.Maternal Health

In order to reduce maternal morbidity and morality, the following schemes have been taken up in the State of Assam.

(i) Contractual appointment of Addl. ANMs

(ii) Contractual appointment of Staff Nurses

(iii) Contractual appointment of Lab Technicians

(iv) Hiring of Safe Motherhood Consultants

(v) 24 Hours Delivery Services

(vi) Referral Transport facility for pregnant women from indigent families

(vii) Training of Traditional Birth Attendants (Dais) in the districts of Lakhimpur, Marigaon, Karbi Anglong, Bangoigaon, Dhamaji, Karimganj, Sonitpur, North Cachar Hills, Goalpara, Dhubri and Naogaon.

(viii) RCH Camps in order to enhance community participation in planning for services and prioritizing, camps for Reproductive and Child Health Services are being organised at PHCs of (5) districts (Nagaon, Karbi Anglong, North Cachar Hills, Goalpara and Dhubri) in the State of Assam where the services have been found deficient.

4. Child Health

Improvement in Child Health and Survival are important aspects of the Family Welfare programme. Following assistance is provided for various programmes on child health issues:—

(i) Vaccine, syringes and needles and operational expenses for implementation of the Intensified Pulse Polio Programme.

(ii) Vaccines, syringes and needles for routine immunization in respect of six preventable diseases.

(iii) Cold chain equipment and funds for their maintenance.

(iv) Funds for kerosene oil for sterilisation of needles.

(v) Supply of neo-natal equipment to certain districts.

(vi) Financial assistance under "Strengthening of Outreach Services' for 8 poorly performing districts of Assam.

(vii) Financial assistance for (a) holding quarterly review meetings of

Immunization Officers, (b) mobility support for State EPI officers and (c) for engaging one Computer Assistant for compilation and analysis of data.

5. Distribution of Contraceptives:

Contraceptives like Nirodh, Oral contraceptive Pills and Copper-T are being supplied free to the States/UTs, on the basis of demand received from them and level of their past utilization.

In addition to free distribution of contraceptives they are also supplied under the Social Marketing Programme (SMP). The position of supplies is given in the following tables:

Supply of Contraceptives in the state of Assam during last three years under Free Distribution Scheme

Year	Mala-N (in lakh cycle)	Copper-T (in lakh pieces)	Condoms (in Million pcs)
1998-99	3.00	1.00	2.00
1999-2000	3.00	0.80	2.00
2000-2001	1.00	1.00	2.00

Sale of Condoms and Oral Pills in the state of Assam during last three years under Social Marketing Programme

Year	Condoms (in million pcs)	Oral Pill (in lakh Cycles)
1998-99	5.46	17.25
1999-2000	11.51	18.30
2000-2001	4.63	20.10

6. Compensation Scheme for acceptors of Sterilisation and IUD insertion

Compensation for loss of wages is provided to couples who undergo sterilisation. As per the revised rates, Rs. 300 is given for undergoing Tubectomy, Rs. 200 for Vasectomy and Rs. 20 for IUD insertion per case.

7. Transport

Replacement of 55 condemned vehicles has been provided to the State of Assam under the National Family Welfare Programme since 1998-99 (15 in the current year *i.e.* 2001-02).

8. Information, Education and Communication

The Information, Education and Communication (IEC) component of the National Family Welfare programme is basically for generating demand for the range of Family Welfare and Reproductive Health care services available for healthy living.

To make local-specific IEC activities more effective, Zila Saksharta Samities (District Literacy Committee, in-charge of the literacy campaign programme) are being involved in chalking out local-specific IEC campaign on vital RCH issues for every district. In this way, Family Welfare is being integrated with education at the district level and below.

9. Externally Assisted Area Project

The World Bank assisted Ninth India Population (IPP-IX) Project is under implementation in the entire State of Assam *w.e.f.* 16th June, 1994, at a revised project cost of Rs. 144.38 Cr. with the objectives of augmentation of mother and child health and Family Welfare Services. The Project will come to end on 31st December, 2001. All civil works under this Project have been completed. The central and regional drug warehouses have also been completed and handed over to the State Health Department. The facilities created are available at appropriate site with good construction quality and are being utilized for service delivery. The procurement of equipment as planned under the Project has been completed. The Project has launched boat clinic and mobile clinic to provide health service to riverine population.

The Project has completed all training programmes planned under the Project. So far, 17,244 health personnel, 10386 TBAs and 44967 women health promoters have been trained under this Project.

The IEC activities of the Project were on community mobilization through baby show, quiz, essay competition, seminars, workshops held at different level from State, district to block level. The project focused its IEC on breast feeding, immunization, birth spacing and ante-natal care through airing of radio spots, quickies telecast through Doordarshan and local theatres, NGOs were involved

to provide awareness generation among adolescent boys and girls and to increase service utilization among pregnant women. More than 43% of eligible couples in Assam are using some form of modern contraceptive methods as compared to 29.3% at baseline.

The State Government of Assam has incurred expenditure of an amount of Rs. 125.93 more under this Project. The State Government is expected to utilize the entire Project funds by the end of the project period.

10. Involvement of Non Government Organisation (NGO)

Government is giving support to three Mother NGOs *viz.* (i) Rural Women Upliftment Association (ii) Voluntary Health Association of Assam (iii) Deshbandhu Club, for creating awareness among the masses about various aspects of family welfare programmes in their respective areas. Number of districts covered by these Mother NGOs is given as under:—

(i)	Rural Women Upliftment Association—	Districts of Barpeta, Nalbari, Kamrup and Dispur
(ii)	Voluntary Health Association of Assam—	Districts of Karimganj, Cachar, Golaghat and Sonitpur
(iii)	Deshbandhu Club—	Districts of Nagaun, Karbi—Anglong and Lakhimpur

11. Community Needs Assessment Approach (CNAA):

The decentralised participatory planning known as Community Needs Assessment Approach depends on association of the community with village acceptor groups, experienced and knowledgeable persons like school teachers, defence personnel, mahila swastha sanghs and many other categories to determine a demand driven family welfare and health care Action Plan.

In the state of Assam, 23 districts have been taken up under CNAA. State Annual Action Plan for the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 have been received. Districts Action Plan are yet to be received from the State in respect of 16 Districts for the year 2001-2002.

12. Funding for the Family Welfare Schemes

Grants in aid released to the state of Assam since 1998-99 till 3rd quarter of 2001-2002 is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Grants-in-aid released to Assam during 1998-99 to 2001-02 (till date)

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Year	Dir & Admn	Train-ing		Rural F.W. Service			
			Trg. of ANM/ LHV	H&FW Trg. Centres	Rural F.W. Centres	Sub-Centres	VHG Scheme	PP Prog. At sub-div. level
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1.	1998-99	280.98	146.00	14.63	782.00	1592.00	38.00	177.90
2.	1999-2000	369.58	230.00	21.00	1022.00	4089.00	38.00	255.00
3.	2000-01	428.90	305.00	25.00	1238.00	3020.00	19.00	365.00
4.	2001-02 (Till date)	257.25	279.75	23.25	1736.25	3525.00	14.25	423.00

Urban F.W. Service		POL	Compen-sation	I.E.C.	Sterili-sation Beds	Arrears	Total (Cash Grants)	Supplies (Kind Grants)	Grant Total (Cash+ Kind)
Urban F.W Centres	PP at Distt. Level			MEM in States					
(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
25.31	78.23	28.42	35.95	60.53	0.50		3260.45	1177.35	4437.80
28.00	115.00	31.05	49.68	21.76	0.50	800.66	7071.23	1421.68	8492.91
43.00	165.00	40.53	225.48		0.50	591.01	6466.42	1817.62	8284.04
75.00	229.50	29.40	934.00		0.38	0.00	7527.03	442.89	7969.92